

## STATE of MINNESOTA

## Proclamation

WHEREAS:

Insurance fraud is an increasingly expensive burden on Minnesota's economy; and

WHEREAS:

The cost of insurance fraud diverts essential resources away from businesses, law enforcement, the civil justice system, regulatory agencies, and local emergency

services; and

WHEREAS:

Each Minnesota family pays an estimated \$950 per year in higher insurance

premiums, inflated costs of goods and services, and higher taxes due to the expense

of insurance fraud; and

WHEREAS:

The mission of the Minnesota Department of Commerce Fraud Bureau is to protect Minnesotans from fraud by conducting aggressive criminal investigations in pursuit

of justice; and

WHEREAS:

The Department of Commerce is committed to educating Minnesotans about the cost of insurance fraud, preventing insurance fraud crimes, and bringing insurance

fraud perpetrators to justice; and

WHEREAS:

The Department of Commerce strives to strengthen the network of consumers, the insurance industry, law enforcement, and state, local, and federal governments in an effort to raise public awareness and understanding of insurance fraud, prevent this costly and illegal activity, and promote quality insurance services for Minnesota's residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of June 15-21, 2014, as:

## INSURANCE FRAUD AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June.

SECRETARY OF STATE